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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of Claim 1 except for "said antistatic layer comprising a cationic compound" in light of the Examiner's remarks. The amendment raises no issue of new issues or new matter. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2, and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takei (2004/0169290). Claims 4 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugawara in view of Takei. Claims 3 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koyama in view of Takei. These claims have been canceled without prejudice, and this rejection is moot.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, because claim 8 depends from claim 1 but does not further limit the "cationic compound" in claim 1. Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of claim 1 except for "said antistatic layer comprising a cationic compound", thereby obviating this rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 8 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 8 has been amended as described above. Thus, claim 8 is allowable.

Drawings

The Examiner asserts: "With the preliminary amendment, applicant requested o[sic] correct the drawing by adding 'prior art' to figure-1. However, the correction shows that figure-3 has the phrase." Applicant hereby verifies that figure-3 is correctly labeled as prior art and the statement in the preliminary amendment was an error. Applicant believes that no further action is required.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the Applicant's amendments to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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